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Dear Ms. Juarez-Garcia,

Thank you for contacting the United States Geological Survey (USGS) regarding the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated November 16, 1978, between the California Energy Commission (CEC) and USGS, concerning oversight of the NCPA-2 Geothermal Power Plant.

The USGS no longer oversees or manages federal land or resources, and, therefore, the NCPA-2 Geothermal Power Plant that is the subject of the MOU. Consequently, we request that the MOU between our two organizations be terminated effective February 1, 2010.

In addition, we request that the CEC Final Decision for the NCPA-2 Power Plant be amended to remove the USGS as the primary compliance agency.

Respectfully,

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